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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Five fabercoonie years of Sonic the Comic appear to have zoomed by, Boomers! Still, I remain as polished as ever, while the humes continue to age (between you and me, they've got more lines than a school book!). Anyway, it's time to give your fave read a stirring round of applause as we let the celebrations begin!

STC's gone the whole hog with a heavenly **17 PAGES** starring Sonic in a special celebratory **Showdown** story. The hero of the show stars in not one, not two, but **THREE SONIC EPISODES!** Guaranteed further friction all the way with Robotnik as he sinks even lower than before!

There's also a treat on the Poster front - the first half of a collectable **Buddies and Baddies Poster** (Sonic encounters some old foes next issue - see below).

Late arrivals to the party are **Decap Attack**. It's five years since Professor Frank N Stein created Chuck and Head, however, Igor's finding it difficult to wish them a Happy Birthday. Plus, as always your own mean, lean talent has been put to good use in the Graphic Zone - this time to the tune of **Party Dudes**.

That's enough from me - enjoy this special Birthday issue and a mega huge thank-you to Boomers old and new. May I congratulate you on your impeccable taste!

Megadroid

POSTER PRECISION!

You asked for a gathering of the gang, which is why in the centre-spread you'll find the first half of your collectable **Sonic's Buddies and Baddies Poster** (friends this issue, foes the next!).

Simply detach the centre-spread and store in a safe place until those mean, mischievous menaces appear in all their *gory* for the second half, in STC 131.

SONIC SHOWDOWN

Script: LEW STRINGER & NIGEL KITCHING
Pencils: RICHARD ELSON Colour: NIGEL DOBBYN
Lettering: TOM FRAME

BY ABSORBING POWER FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS GAINED AMAZING NEW ABILITIES!

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CAN NOW DO ANYTHING!

FAZAKKK!

SO YOU HAVE A METALLIX, DO YOU?

THAT WON'T STOP ME, ROBOTNIK... SOMEHOW I'LL FIND A WAY TO BEAT YOU!

AND HOW WILL YOU MANAGE THAT, SONIC MY BOY?

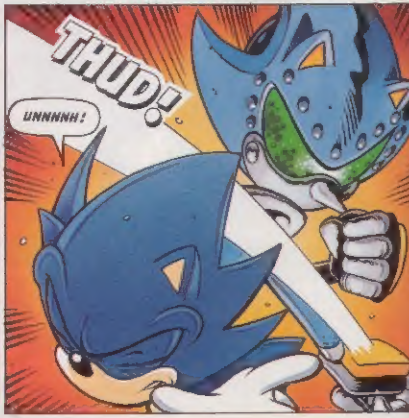
LOOK AROUND YOU... I HAVE COMPLETELY RECREATED MOBIUS! IN THIS REALITY I HAVE RULED FOR YEARS AND YOU NEVER EXISTED!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE, SONIC! GIVE UP NOW AND I MAY GO EASY ON YOU!
GIVE UP? NO WAY. I'VE BEEN IN WORSE SPOTS THAN THIS!

"WORSE SPOTS THAN THIS"?
KADANGGG!

HEDGEHOG, I THINK YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND MY POWER...
FAZAKKK!

ANYTHING I IMAGINE I CAN MAKE INTO REALITY!
YEAH? WELL, YOU NEVER DID HAVE MUCH OF AN IMAGINATION, DID YOU?
FAZAKKK!


THUD!
UNNNNH!

SPLSSSSH!

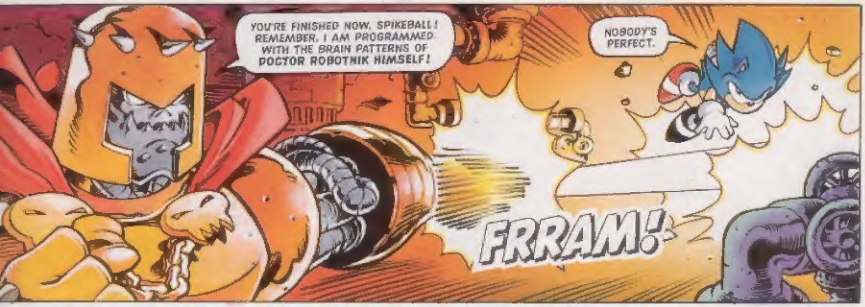
WHAT... MEGATOX?
I HAVE THE ABILITY TO BRING BACK YOUR OLD ENEMIES, SONIC... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS VISUALISE THEM!

WAKK!
AGGH!

I'VE BEATEN ALL THESE BOZOS IN THE PAST... I'LL DO IT AGAIN!
AH, BUT YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO FIGHT THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME BEFORE!

PLASMA! HEY, ROBOTNIK, YOU'RE REALLY SCRAPING THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL NOW!
DON'T FORGET ME, ARNEM ABACUS!

SO, YOU PREFER A MORE WORTHY OPPONENT, DO YOU?
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT!
NO! FORMING ITSELF FROM THAT JUNK... A FIGURE I HOPED I'D NEVER SEE AGAIN!
BRUTUS!
I LIVE AGAIN!


YOU'RE FINISHED NOW, SPIKEBALL! REMEMBER, I AM PROGRAMMED WITH THE BRAIN PATTERNS OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!
NOBODY'S PERFECT.
FRRAM!

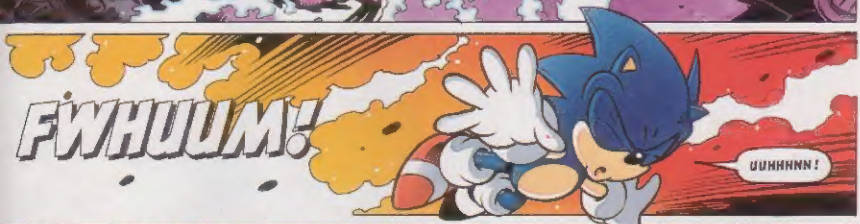
IT'S SIX AGAINST ONE! MAYBE I SHOULD EVEN THE ODDS A LITTLE!
DON'T PRETEND YOU CARE, POTATO-FACE!

TAILS! I THOUGHT HE... DIDN'T EXIST IN THIS NEW TIME ZONE!
THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS ENABLES ME TO BRING LIFE TO ANYONE, FOOL!

DON'T HANG ABOUT, BUDDY! WE'VE GOT SIX VILLIANS TO SORT OUT!

MAKE THAT SEVEN, LOSER!
WHAM!
WHA-UUGHH!

METAMORPHIA, THE SHAPE-SHIFTER! IT WASN'T TAILS AT ALL!
RULE
THAT'S RIGHT, SONIC! I CAN SAFELY PREDICT THAT YOU'RE ON A LONELY PATH TO EXTINCTION!
THANKS FOR THE HORROR-SCOPE, ROBOTNIK, BUT I'LL PROVE YOU WRONG!
DON'T BOTHER WITH A SUPER SPIN ATTACK, HERO! YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT DAMAGE ME!
THAT'S TRUE...
...BUT MAYBE PLASMA CAN!
STAY BAAACK!
NOOO!
BZANNGG
SKRRRAKLE!
AAAIIEE!



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SONIC SHOWDOWN

Script: LEW STRINGER · Art: RICHARD ELSON
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THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE THIS WEIRD! ROBOTNIK'S SENT ME TO THE SPECIAL ZONE!

HAHAHA! THAT'S RIGHT HEDGEHOG! WITH MY NEW POWERS I CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!

HMM. EXCEPT YOUR SOCKS UNFORTUNATELY!

OI! SHOW SOME RESPECT, MATE!

FUMP!

UGGNNN! MISTER FRY!

THAT'S ALL I NEED! LORD SIDEWINDER AND HIS DODGY MATES!

THAT'S OVERLORD SIDEWINDER TO YOU PEASANT

GET IT SONIC? WITH NO CHAOTIX CREW TO STOP HIM, SIDEWINDER'S NOW RULER OF THE SPECIAL ZONE!

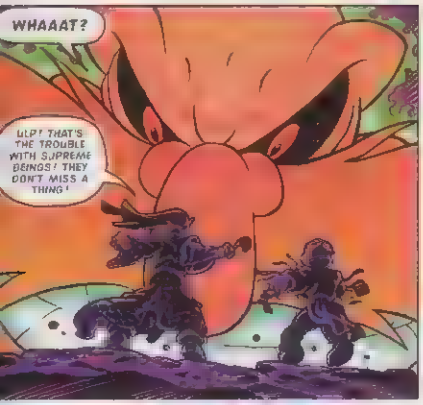
MY SUPER SPIN ATTACK WILL KNOCK THAT SMILE OFF HIS FACE!

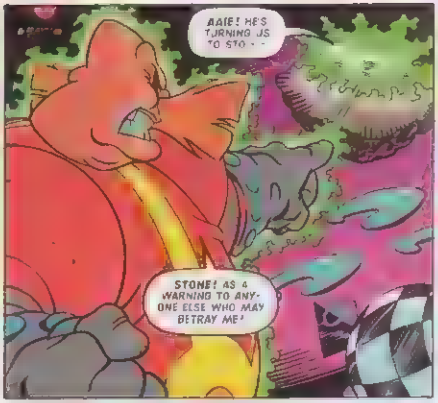
TRIP!

WHUU?

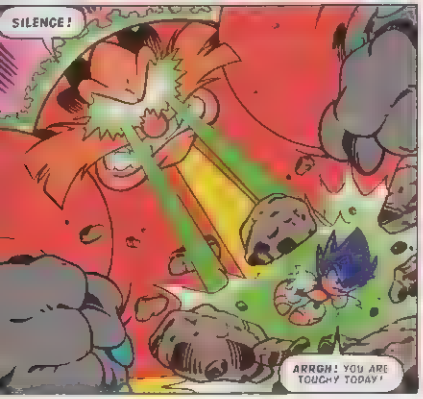
M-MY SPEED MY SKILL GONE!

OH, BY THE WAY, I TOOK AWAY YOUR POWERS - SIMPLY BECAUSE I CAN!
YOU'RE REALLY ENJOYING THIS AREN'T YOU?
WE'RE ALL GOING TO ENJOY THIS! OVER TO YOU MISTER FRY!
SWAT!
AAGH!
WHY THANK YOU BIO-HAZARD! ANYONE FOR TENNIS?
NNGH!
THWAK!
THIS IS TOO EASY!
PATIENCE LIGHTMARE! ONCE SONIC IS DEFEATED WE CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION TO OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE
STEALING ROBOTNIK'S POWER SO THAT I CAN RULE THE UNIVERSE


WHAAAT?
ULP! THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH SUPREME BEINGS! THEY DON'T MISS A THING!

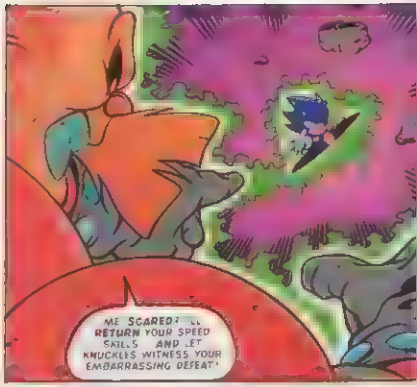

AAIE! HE'S TURNING US TO STO...
STONE! AS A WARNING TO ANYONE ELSE WHO MAY BETRAY ME!

YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST ANYONE THESE DAYS. CAN YOU, DOCTOR?

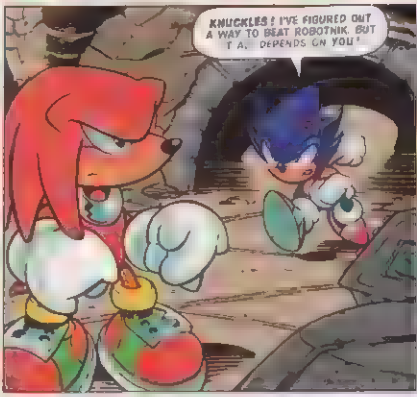

SILENCE!
ARRGH! YOU ARE TOUGH TODAY!

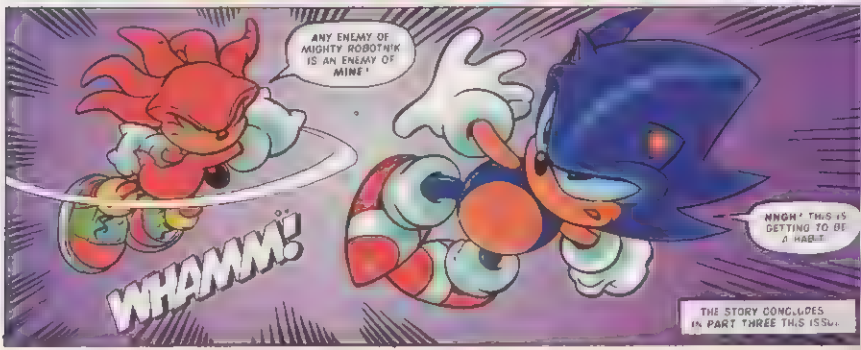
BRAVE WORDS, SONIC. BUT, WILL BREAK YOUR SPIRIT! THEN, AS YOU BEG FOR MERCY, WILL DESTROY YOU FOREVER!
COUGH

ALL THAT POWER AND YOU'RE STILL SO SCARED OF LOSING THAT YOU TOOK AWAY MY SPECIAL ABILITIES!
STILL, AT LEAST KNUCKLES WON'T SEE ME HUM-, ATED!


ME SCARED? I'LL RETURN YOUR SPEED SKILLS AND LET KNUCKLES WITNESS YOUR EMBARRASSING DEFEAT!

EXCELLENT! I TRICKED ME TO THE FLOATING


KNUCKLES! I'VE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO BEAT ROBOTNIK. BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU!


ANY ENEMY OF MIGHTY ROBOTNIK IS AN ENEMY OF MINE!
WHAMM!
NNGH! THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT.
THE STORY CONCLUDES IN PART THREE THIS ISSUE.

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POETRY IN MOTION

Dear Megadroid,
As you're the coo est droid this s de of the galaxy, I thought you might be up for printing my poem..

Charmy is barmy
Vector's a bright spark
Take care not to meet a Badnik in the dark
Tekno is technical
Amy is p nk
If you sme led Robotnik's underwear
'm sure it would stink

Edward Taylor,
Holme on Spalding Moor, York.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Hopefully, I will never know for certain, Ed!

CHUBBY'S CHUMS

Dear Megadroid,
.'ve been wondering whether Doctor Robotnik actually has any friends?
Katherine Baker,
Sudbury, Suffolk.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Better read on, Katherine! The final part of this issue's Showdown story will give you your answer.

BIRTH OF A DROID

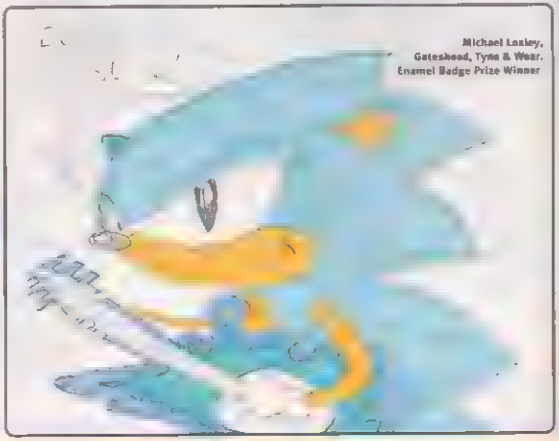
Dear STC,
I think the dea of Megadroid introducing the comic and answering letters is fabbio. I would ike to find out who the hume is who came up with the idea of hiring Megadroid? Peace man!
Kevin Newton,
Timperley, Cheshire.
GG, MD owner
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Megadroid was the brain droid of STC's original editorial chief whip, Richard Burton (no, not the Welsh one!)

ROGUES' GALLERY

Dear Megadroid,
Please could you make a Pin-up with Doctor Robotn k and his evil cronies Most of the artwork focuses on the good 'es, so artwork starring just the baddies would make a good change
Yours Booming hopefully...
Lee Jones,
Burton-On-Trent, Staffs.
Saturn owner
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

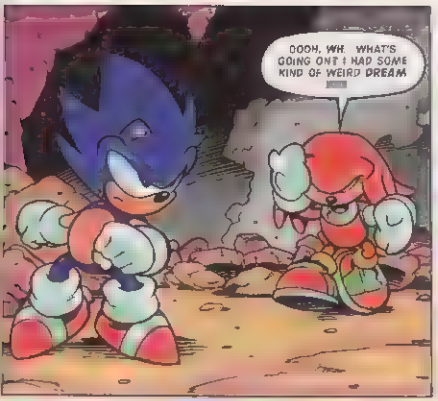
The second half of the col lectable poster features the Doc, plus his evil cronies next issue, Lee

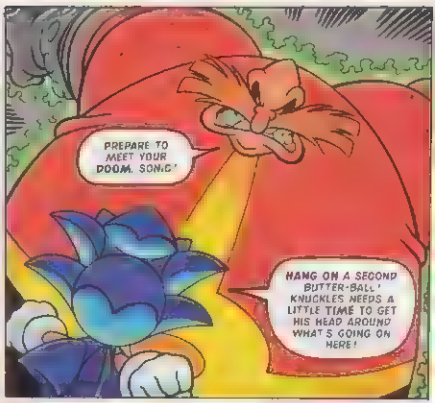


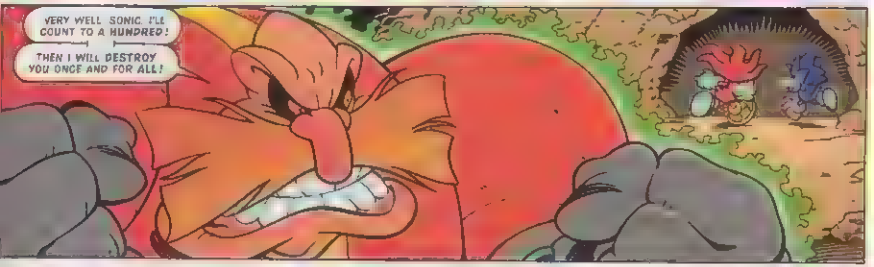
Michael Lozley,
Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner

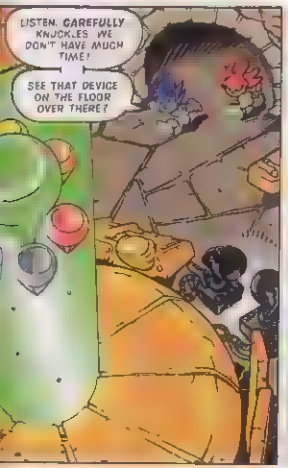
SONIC
SHOWDOWN
SO YOU SEE, SONIC, IN THIS REALITY, KNUCKLES IS MY FAITHFUL SERVANT! RIGHT, KNUCKLES?
I LIVE TO SERVE YOU, MASTER!
TERRIFIC!
DESTROY SONIC NOW!
WITH PLEASURE!
KAROOOM!
THIS IS BAD! I WASN'T COUNTING ON ROBOTNIK TURNING KNUCKLES EVIL... I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!

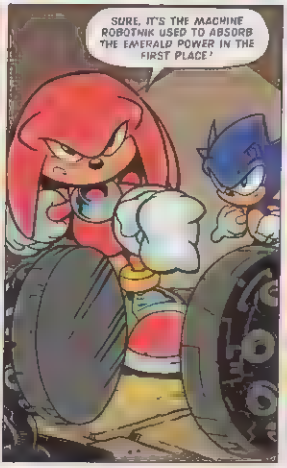
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT YOU'D TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS, ROBOTNIK!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HEDGEHOG?
DARN YOU HOLD STILL!
YOU KNOW DEEP DOWN THAT EVEN ALONE I'LL STILL BEAT YOU EVENTUALLY
AND IF KNUCKLES WAS ON MY SIDE WE'D WIN EASILY!
YOU THINK ONE RIDICULOUS BLUE HEDGEHOG AND A MEASLY ECHIDNA CAN DEFEAT ME?
HAHAHAHAHA!
THEN TRY US ROBOTNIK DARE YOU
YOU INSUFFERABLE IMBECILE! DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M FRIGHTENED OF YOU?
ALL RIGHT I'LL TURN KNUCKLES BACK TO NORMAL. FOR ALL THE GOOD IT WILL DO YOU!


OOOH, WH... WHAT'S GOING ON? I HAD SOME KIND OF WEIRD DREAM


PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM, SONIC!
HANG ON A SECOND BUTTER-BALL! KNUCKLES NEEDS A LITTLE TIME TO GET HIS HEAD AROUND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!


VERY WELL, SONIC. I'LL COUNT TO A HUNDRED!
THEN I WILL DESTROY YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!


LISTEN, CAREFULLY KNUCKLES. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
SEE THAT DEVICE ON THE FLOOR OVER THERE?


SURE, IT'S THE MACHINE ROBOTNIK USED TO ABSORB THE EMERALD POWER IN THE FIRST PLACE!

NINETY NINE... ONE HUNDRED!
READY OR NOT HERE I COME!

SO THAT'S YOUR PLAN IS IT?
YOU THINK YOU CAN TURN MY OWN MACHINE AGAINST ME TAKE AWAY ALL MY EMERALD POWER!
AGGGGH!
SLOOOW
ONLY KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THAT MACHINE DID YOU REALLY THINK SUCH A PATHETIC PLAN WOULD WORK?
NO NOT REALLY
I JUST NEEDED TO DISTRACT YOU FOR A FEW SECONDS SO THAT KNUCKLES COULD GET INTO POSITION
THE ECHIDNA
THE GREY EMERALD! NO!
THAT'S RIGHT ROBOTNIK THE GREY EMERALD THE CONTROL EMERALD!
KNUCKLES PLEASE

I'VE GOT TO **CONCENTRATE** USE THE EMERALD TO RECONFIGURE ALL THE EMERALD ENERGY INTO ITS ORIGINAL PATTERN.

IN OTHER WORDS **UNDO** ALL THE HARM YOU'VE DONE!

NOT FORGETTING REMOVING ALL THE **EMERALD POWER** FROM YOU OF COURSE!

NO! WAS SUPPOSE

HE'S **GONE** WHAT **HAPPENED**?

I AM NOT SURE IT'S LIKE HIS BODY HAD BECOME SO USED TO BEING EMERALD-POWERED IT COULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT IT

LATER IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE

Y KNOW SONIC, I THINK IT ACTUALLY **WORKED**!

NOBODY REMEMBERS A THING ABOUT ROBOTNIK BEING A SUPREME POWER IT'S LIKE IT NEVER HAPPENED!

SO WHY ARE YOU SO **GLUM**, SONIC?

LOOK WE'VE JUST WON ONE OF THE **GREATEST VICTORIES EVER**, RIGHT? AGAINST AN ENEMY SO POWERFUL HE COULD HAVE DESTROYED US WITH A **THOUGHT**!

SO?

SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING A BIG HERO WHEN NOBODY CAN EVEN **REMEMBER** IT?

BUT WE KNOW **DIFFERENT**. BOOMERS - Magadroid.

THE END

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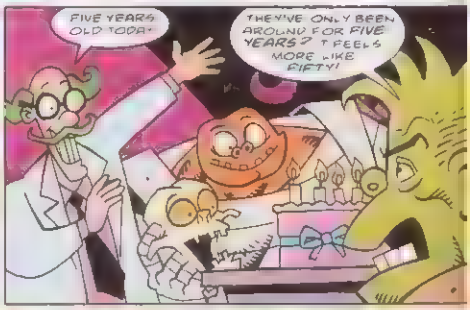


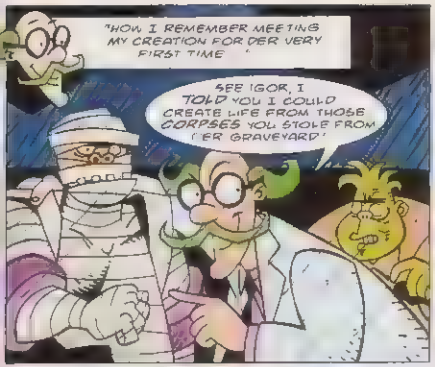
"THE NIGHT IT ALL BEGAN"

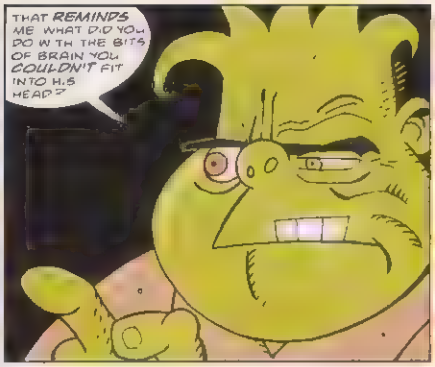
ZAAAAAK!

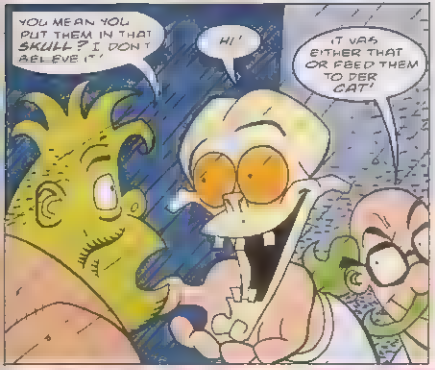
YEEEE-OWWW!

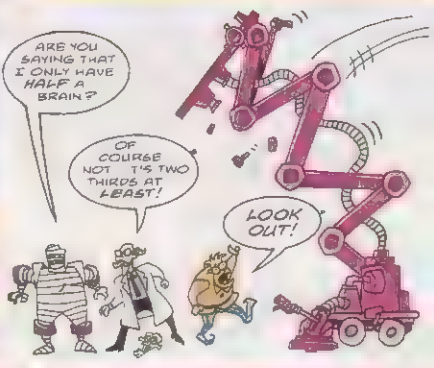
HE LIVES! HE LIVES! MY EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS!

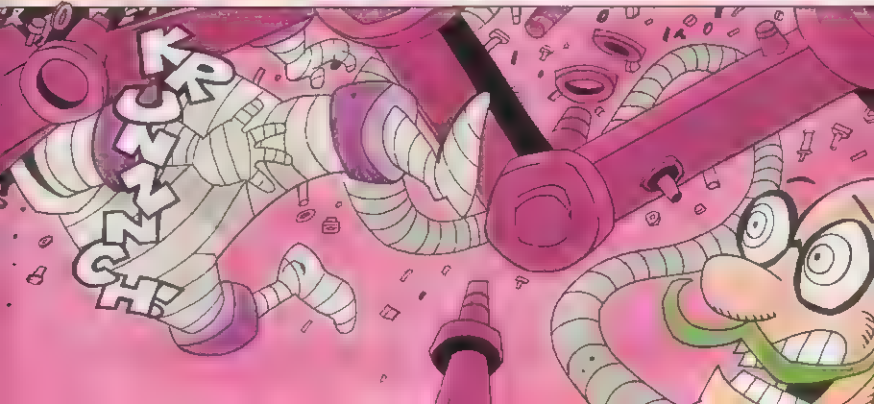
SO IT'S A SUCCESS. SO NOW CAN WE HAVE OUR SUPPER?


"HOW I REMEMBER MEETING MY CREATION FOR DER VERY FIRST TIME"
SEE IGOR, I TOLD YOU I COULD CREATE LIFE FROM THOSE CORPSES YOU STOLE FROM DER GRAVEYARD!


THAT REMINDS ME WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE BITS OF BRAIN YOU COULDN'T FIT INTO HIS HEAD?

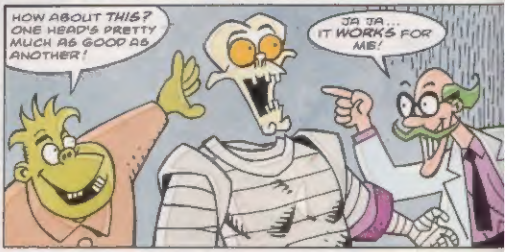

YOU MEAN YOU PUT THEM IN THAT SKULL? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HI!
IT WAS EITHER THAT OR FEED THEM TO DER CAT!


ARE YOU SAYING THAT I ONLY HAVE HALF A BRAIN?
OF COURSE NOT IT'S TWO THIRDS AT LEAST!
LOOK OUT!

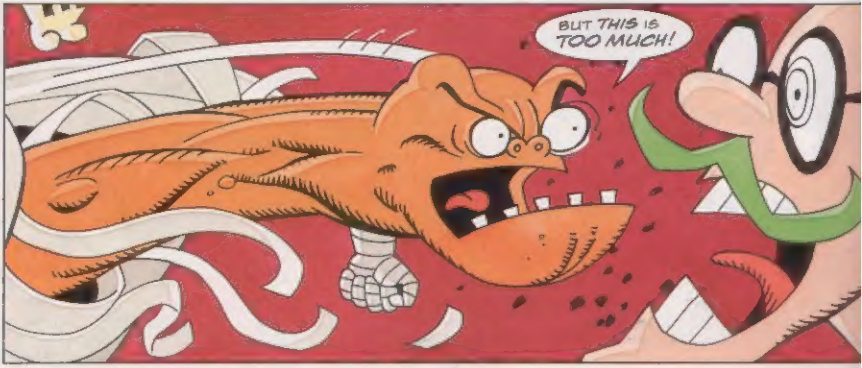

KRUNNNCH!

NO! VOT HAS HAPPENED TO HIS HEAD...? QUICKLY IGOR, WE'VE GOT TO FIND IT!

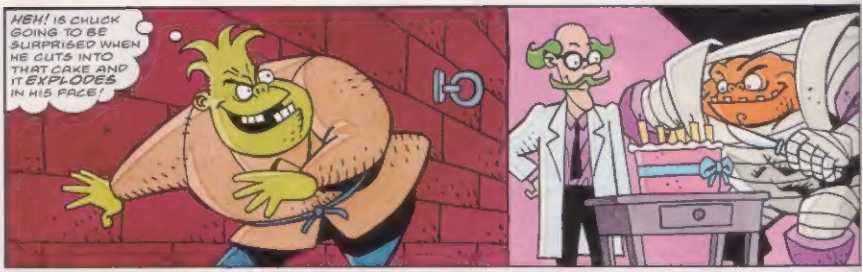
HURRY IGOR... IT'S GOT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
TAKE IT EASY, PROF... DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!
IGOR, I'M WARNING YOU...

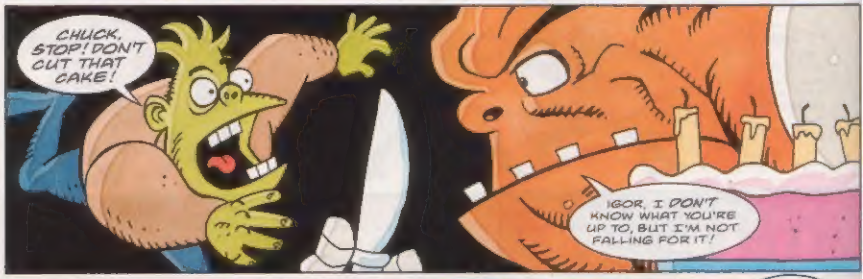

HOW ABOUT THIS? ONE HEAD'S PRETTY MUCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER!
JA JA... IT WORKS FOR ME!

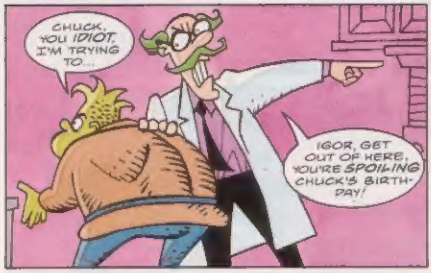
I DON'T MIND YOU STITCHING ME TOGETHER OUT OF MOULDY OLD CORPSES!
I DON'T EVEN MIND BEING HIT ON THE HEAD BY HALF A TON OF STEEL...


BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!

HAPPY DAYS!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
YOU KNOW, IGOR, WHEN I FIRST MET YOU I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE YOU VERY MUCH...
BUT AFTER GETTING TO KNOW YOU OVER THESE PAST FIVE YEARS... WELL, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...
I HATE YOUR GUTS AND HOPE YOU DIE A PAINFUL DEATH ON A RUSTY METAL SPIKE ALONE AND MISERABLE!
YEAH? WELL I HOPE YOU GET YOUR FACE PULLED OFF BY A RABID FERRET AND...
BOYS, BOYS... NOT ON CHUCK'S BIRTH-DAY!
CHUCK, BLOW OUT DER CANDLES AND MAKE EIN WISH!
FINE... BUT I'M WISHING FOR A RUSTY SPIKE...
HERE, CHUCK... CUT YOURSELF A SLICE!
GOOD IDEA, IGOR... THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!







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